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SUBJECT: IEA/SLT SUB-GROUP ON ACCELERATED DEVELOPMENT
OF ALTERNATIVE SOURCES OF ENERGY

SECRETARIAT HAS CIRCULATED THE FOLLOWING SUMMARY RECORD
OF THE MAY 23, 1977 MEETING:

BEGIN TEXT

THE SUB-GROUP AGREED:

THAT EACH DELEGATION WOULD PROVIDE THE SECRETARIAT
BY JUNE 13 WITH A NOTE ON COAL UTILIZATION AND FUEL POL-
ICIES. THESE NOTES SHOULD BE PREPARED ALONG THE LINES
SET FORTH IN THE ANNEX;

THAT THE SUB-GROUP WOULD MEET ON JUNE 15 TO DIS-
CUSS A DRAFT SUMMARY DRAWN FROM THE COUNTRY NOTES (US);
THE PURPOSE OF THE MEETING WOULD BE TO FINALIZE THE
DRAFT SUMMARY INTO A SUB-GROUP NOTE TO THE SLT, TO
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ASSIST THE SLT'S JUNE DISCUSSION OF COAL-RELATED POLICY
GUIDELINES;

THAT THE DRAFT SUMMARY AND THE EVENTUAL SUB-GROUP
NOTE SHOULD REPRESENT A CONSENSUS OF FINDINGS AND VIEWS
DEVELOPED WITHIN THE SUB-GROUP; TECHNICAL ELABORATION
OF THESE FINDINGS AND VIEWS WILL REQUIRE FURTHER SUB-
GROUP WORK BEYOND JUNE, MERGING EVENTUALLY INTO THE NEXT

ROUND OF SLT REVIEWS.

ANNEX: COUNTRY NOTES ON COAL UTILIZATION AND FUEL
POLICIES

DRAWING FROM THE COUNTRIES' OWN EXPERIENCE, AND THE EXTENSIVE ANALYTICAL WORK ALREADY IN HAND, EACH COUNTRY SHOULD PREPARE A BRIEF (5-7 PAGES) NOTE ALONG THE FOLLOWING LINES:

1. ECONOMIC MERIT OF STEAM COAL IMPORTS;
2. VOLUME POTENTIAL FOR INCREASED STEAM COAL UTILIZATION IN THE MID TO LATE 1980'S;
3. CURRENT NATIONAL FUEL POLICIES VIS-A-VIS STEAM COAL;
4. PERCEIVED CONSTRAINTS AND IMPEDIMENTS TO INCREASED STEAM COAL UTILIZATION.

ECONOMIC MERIT

THIS SECTION SHOULD BE BRIEF, AND CAN UTILIZE WHERE APPROPRIATE THE ECONOMIC ANALYSIS CIRCULATED WITHIN THE SUB-GROUP; THE PURPOSE HERE IS NOT TO PRESENT DEFINITIVE ECONOMIC ANALYSIS, BUT TO GATHER FROM EACH COUNTRY ITS OWN PERCEPTION OF THE FUTURE ECONOMIC COMPETITIVENESS OF STEAM COAL IMPORTS VIS-A-VIS OTHER BOILER FUELS.

VOLUME POTENTIAL

THE RESPONSE CAN ONLY BE OF AN INDICATIVE NATURE, GIVEN THE ANALYTICAL COMPLEXITIES; WITHOUT PREJUDICE TO FURTHER COUNTRY SUBMISSIONS, IT WOULD BE USEFUL TO HAVE

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A RANGE OF ELECTRICAL CAPACITY, EXPRESSED IN MWE, THAT
HYPOTHETICALLY COULD BE FIRED BY COAL IN THE MID TO LATE
1980'S; THIS COULD CONSIST OF ELECTRICAL SECTOR AND
UTILITY SECTOR GENERATING CAPACITY.

NATIONAL FUEL POLICIES

THIS IS MERELY A SHORT RE-STATEMENT OF CURRENT POL-
ICIES WHICH DIRECTLY PROMOTE OR HINDER STEAM COAL
UTILIZATION.

CONSTRAINTS AND IMPEDIMENTS

THIS IS THE MOST IMPORTANT SECTION OF THE RESPONSE.
DELEGATIONS HAVE POINTED OUT THAT THE DIFFICULTIES WITH
RESPECT TO INCREASED STEAM COAL UTILIZATION GO BEYOND
THE COST AND ECONOMIC ISSUES; FACTORS SUCH AS PRICE STA-
BILITY, SECURITY OF SUPPLY, UNFAMILIARITY WITH NEW AND
REMOTE MARKETS, AND INSTITUTIONAL INERTIA HAVE BEEN
MENTIONED.

DELEGATIONS ARE URGED TO DEVOTE SPECIAL ATTENTION
TO THIS SECTION: IF THE SUB-GROUP CAN IDENTIFY IN ITS
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NOTE TO THE SLT SPECIFIC POLICY ISSUES THAT CAN BE DEALT
WITH REALISTICALLY AT THE STANDING GROUP AND GOVERNING
BOARD LEVELS, THEN THERE MAY BE ROOM FOR ACTION AND
PROGRESS IN THIS AREA, RATHER THAN ENDLESS, INCONCLU-
SIVE ANALYSIS.

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